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Examiner: Anthony J. Green  
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Bodies Of Doped Silica Glass  
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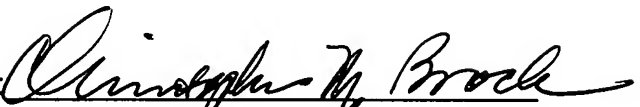
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Respectfully submitted,

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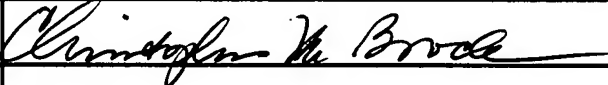
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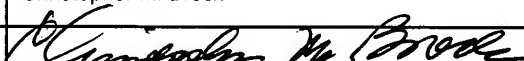
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